

Kent-Mahaffy Image Galleries

These photos are from a collection acquired by the Historical Society in 2018. It contained hundreds of early East Wallingford documents and records going back to the late 1700s. Added in the early 20C were glass plate photo negatives and ephemera belonging to Kent siblings, Wyatt, Duane, and Drusilla, who came to Rutland and Proctor from East Wallingford. When Duane Kent's daughter, Virginia Kent Wicks, passed away in 1991, all the boxes of family papers were left in the attic of her home in Teaneck, N.J. The new owners contacted the Rutland Historical Society and in 2018 the contents were retrieved. The early East Wallingford papers were turned over to the Wallingford Historical Society. Rutland papers and the negatives from the Proctor photographer, Dick Mahaffy, were kept by the Rutland Historical Society. The over 1000 negatives were scanned and the best of the resulting images are in the Kent-Mahaffy Images Galleries as follows:

Part I – The Kent and Mahaffy Families and Family Fun

Part II – In and Around Proctor

Part III – Proctor Boy Scouts and YMCA (later Sutherland Club)

Part IV – Vermont Marble Company

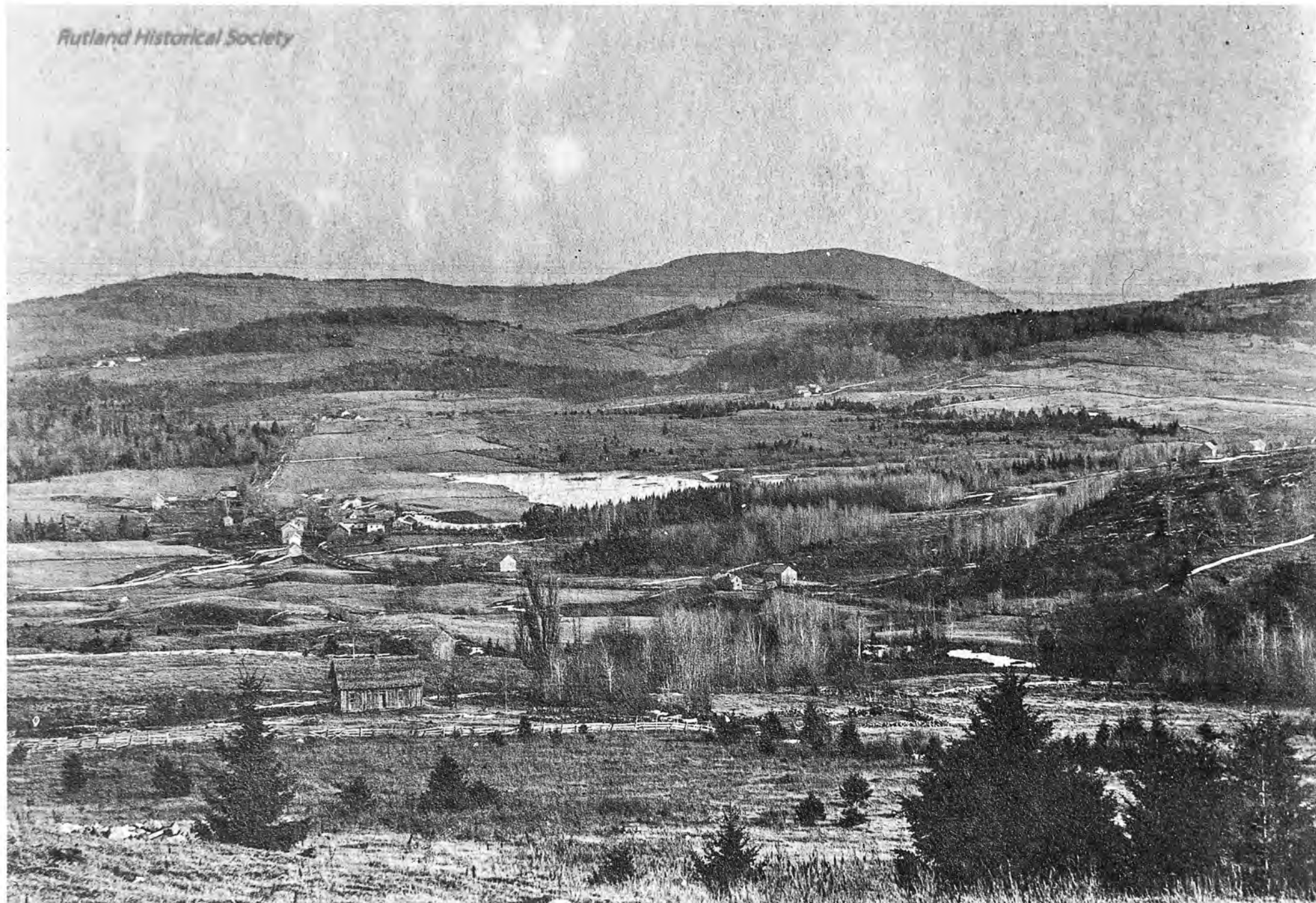
Part V – Family Travel

David Richard Mahaffy, better known as Dick Mahaffy, held several positions in Proctor, starting with General Secretary of the YMCA (and later Sutherland Club), Boy Scouts Leader, Auditor, and later Road, Cemetery and Tree Commissioner positions. Because of his photography interest and skill he took many photos over the years, some of which may have appeared in various publications. The original negatives ended up in the family collection kept by Virginia Kent Wicks. Although Mahaffy was the photographer and owner of the negatives, he appears in many of the photos, so someone else is also operating the camera. In addition to the images he captured with the camera Mahaffy appeared to take pictures of older photos as well as pages from books or documents – sort of an old fashioned scanning method. You will see some of these in the galleries.

Part I – The Kent and Mahaffy Families and Family Fun

East Wallingford was home to the early Kent family and their ancestors. Photos show the Kent siblings Duane, Wyatt and Drusilla on Big Pond Hill, Grandfather and Grandmother Stone, and the old Kent Homestead. As the three siblings reached adulthood they moved to Rutland and Proctor. Wyatt Kent started with Vermont Marble Co. in the field of grading marble. While in Proctor he became president of the Nickwaukett Club and met Christine Mellen. They soon became a couple. He lived in Proctor for 5 years before moving West, where he later invited Christine to join him as his wife. Drusilla Kent met her future husband, David Richard “Dick” Mahaffy in Proctor and they were married in 1908. Duane moved to Rutland and married Myrtle “Myrtie” Bolster. They settled at 39 Royce Place in Rutland and had two daughters, Helen in 1906 and Virginia in 1911. Both graduated from Rutland High School. After college Virginia married Frank Wicks and settled in New Jersey, where she had three children – Frank Jr., Barbara, and Araby. Helen married Sanford Witherell and they lived in Shoreham. The Kents celebrated their closeness and penchant for fun with many family reunions camping on Big Pond. The photos show that camping could be fun even in the early 1900s.

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East Wallingford - First House after the Log Cabin of Great Grandfather Kent 1800



The Kent Homestead in East Wallingford

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The Kent Siblings - Duane, Wyatt, and Drusilla on Big Pond Hill



The Kent Siblings - Wyatt, Drusilla and Duane



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Drusillia Kent on Big Pond Hill with her Brother

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A Road Near the Kent Homestead in East Wallingford

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Grandfather Stone with Horse, Cart and Cows

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Grandfather Stone, Horse and Cow



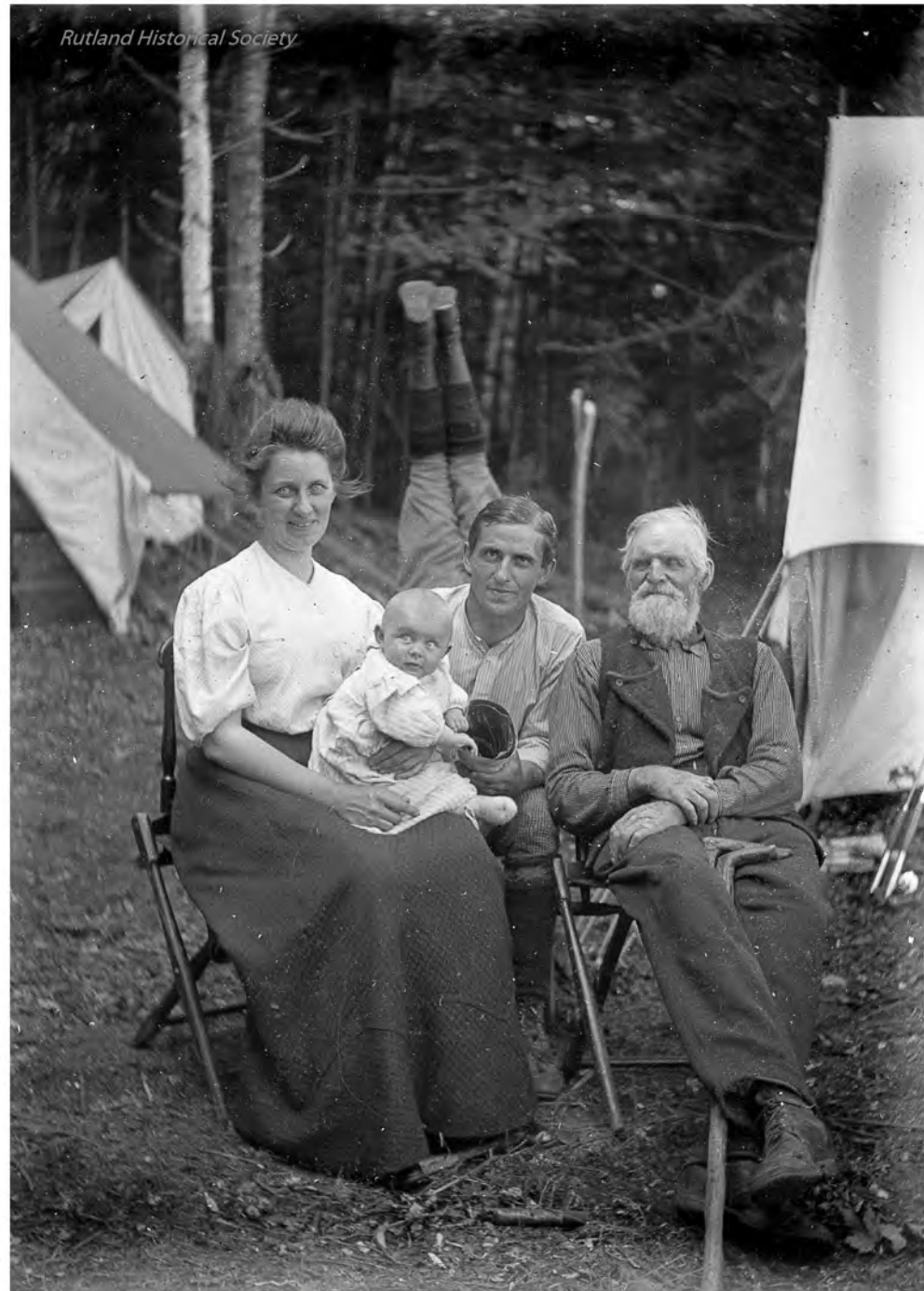
Horse Drawn Cart with Grandfather and Grandmother Stone



Horse Drawn Cart with Cows, Grandfather Stone and Relative



The Kent Homestead with Later Buildings in East Wallingford



The Duane Kent Family in 1907 - Myrtie, Helen, Duane and Grandfather Stone - Whose Legs?



L to R Dick Mahaffy, Drusilla Kent Mahaffy, Wyatt Kent, Christine Mellen Kent



Myrtie and Duane Kent with Daughters Virginia and Helen



Myrtie, Drusilla and Helen on the Swing with Dick standing and Duane and Daughter Virginia Sitting on the Ground



Duane and Myrtie Kent and their Daughter Helen



Virginia and Helen Kent



Helen Kent

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Kent Men



Helen Kent



Virginia Kent with Friend



Virginia Kent and Frank Wicks



Virginia and Children



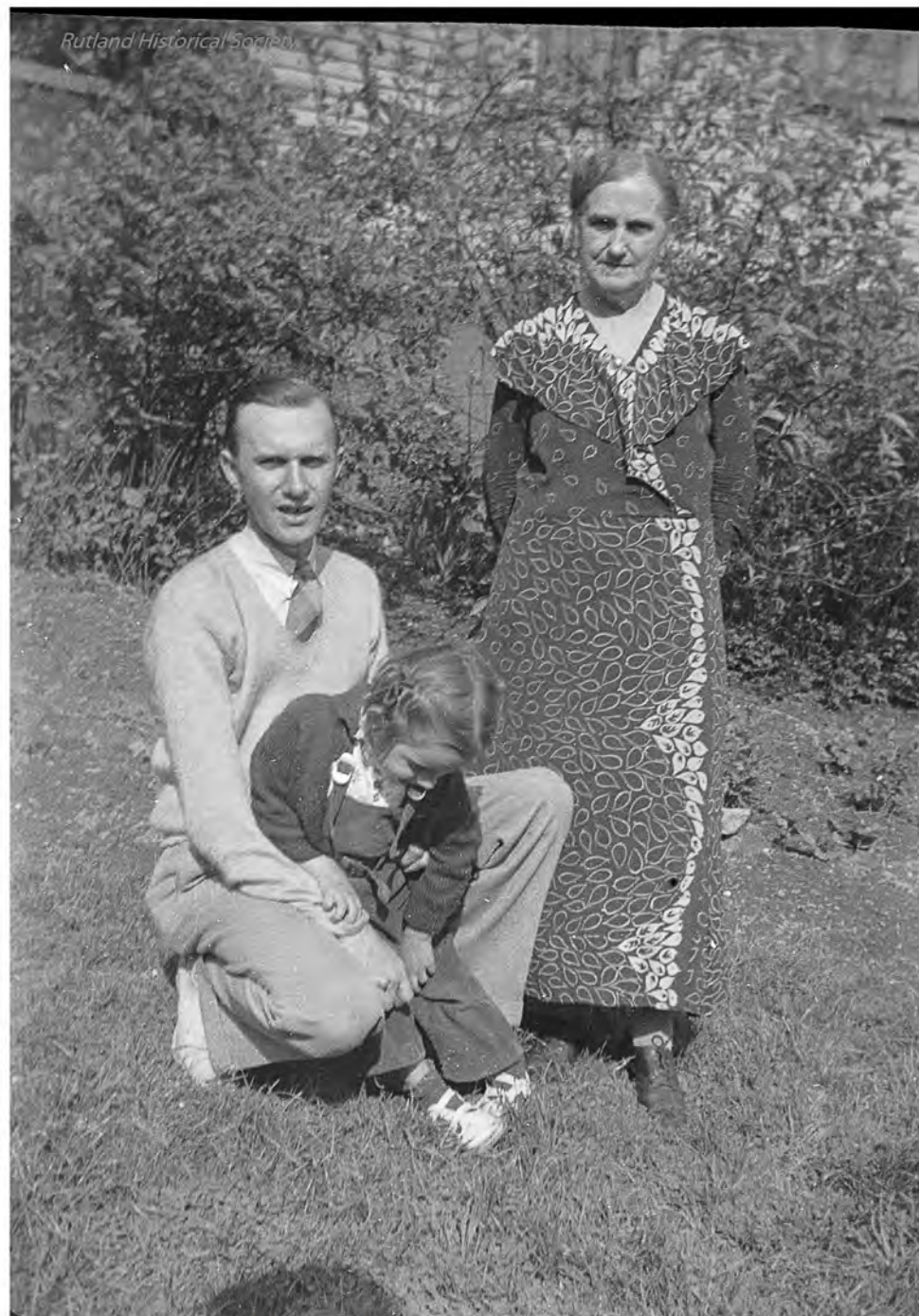
Virginia and Children Frank Jr. and Barbara -1941



Virginia's Children near their Grandparents House at 39 Royce Place, Rutland.



Virginia's Children in front of their Grandparents house at 39 Royce Place, Rutland.



Man, Child and Grandmother



Drusilla Kent Mahaffy



Dick and Drusilla



Dick and Drusilla



Drusilla and "Dick" Mahaffy



Drusilla Kent Mahaffy

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Drusilla Mahaffy Reading in Canoe 1907

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Drusilla Mahaffy Sitting on a Stump, 1907



Drusilla & Dick, December 17, 1911



Parlor - Miss Stone and Drusilla?



Mahaffy House



Mahaffy House



Parlour at 34 Ormsbee Avenue - Mahaffys



Dick Reading and Drusilla Sewing



Dick Mahaffy in the in Woods



Drusilla and her Dog Picking Flowers

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Drusilla gathering flowers on the mountain.



Yates and Dick



Dick Mahaffy at Travis Army Base San Antonio Texas



Possibly Texas where Dick Mahaffy was Stationed



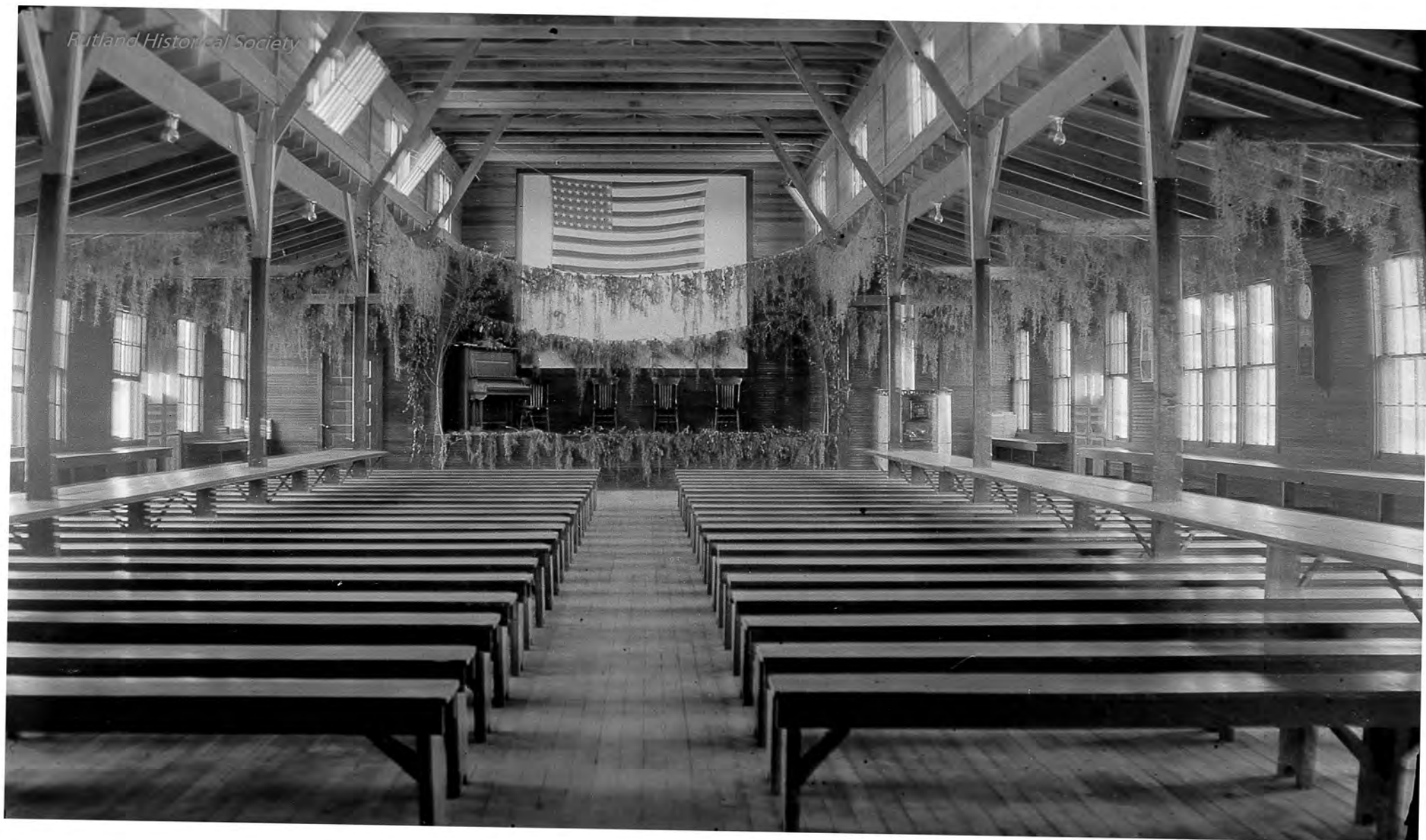
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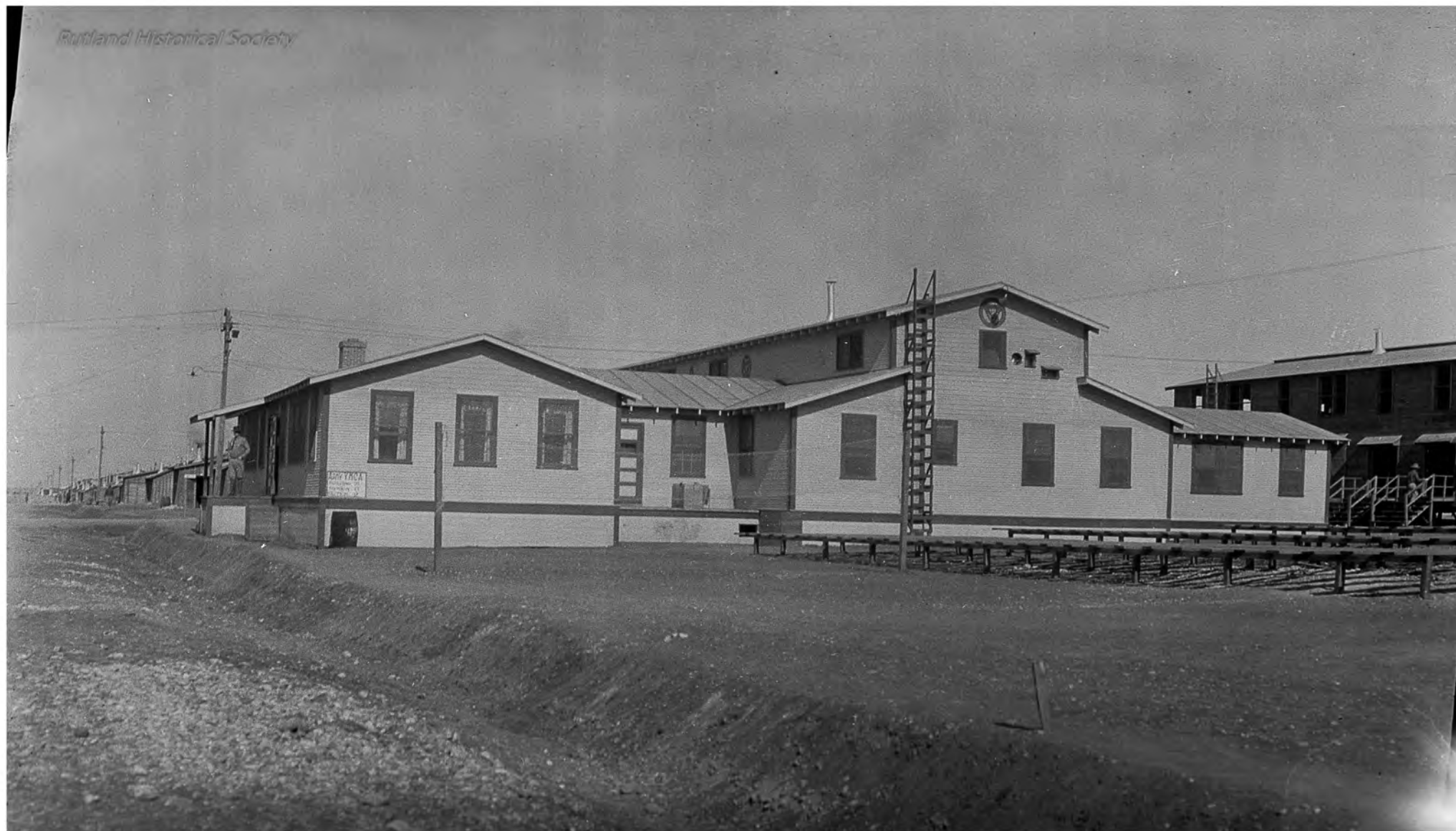
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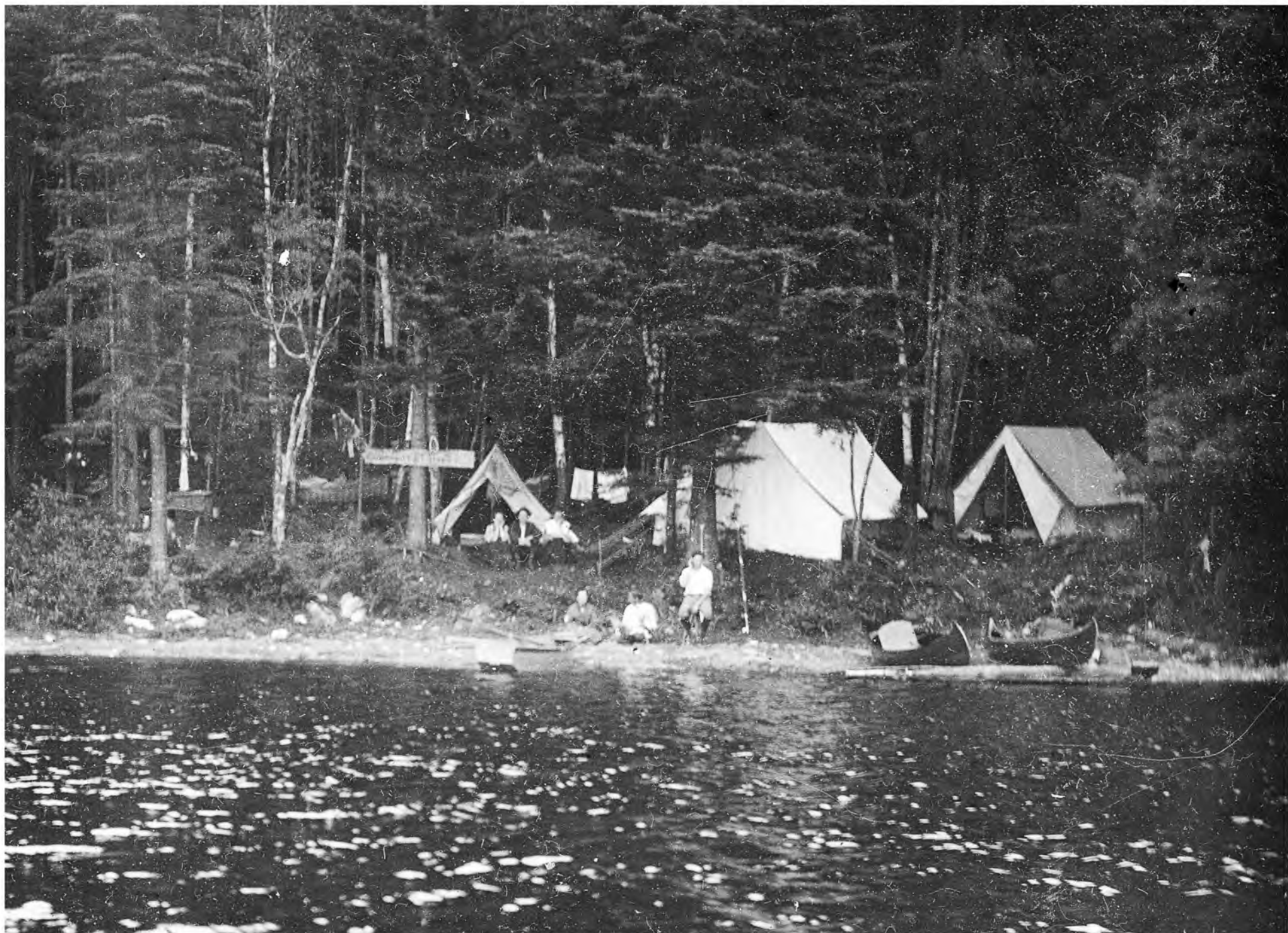
Visitors' Day at Travis Army Base San Antonio Texas



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Camping on Big Pond in 1907



Camping in Style 1907 - Flowers Decorate the Dinner Table



Camping 1907 - Card Games for Evening Entertainment with Large Jug (Wine?) and Coffee/Tea



Camping Quartet 1907 (Wyatt Kent, Myrtie Kent, Christine Mellen Kent, Duane Kent)



Camping 1907: l to r Wyatt, Duane, Unidentified Man and Baby, Myrtie and Baby Helen on her Lap, Unidentified Wwoman, Drusilla, and Christine



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Camping in 1907



Camping in 1907, Cook House with Wyatt & Christine



Camping in 1907, Cook House with Wyatt & Christine



Camping at Big Pond in 1907 L to R Christine, Myrtie with Helen, Unidentified Mother and Child, Drusilla; top row Wyatt, Duane, Unidentified Man, Dick Mahaffy



Camping at Big Pond in 1911 L to R by Row, Christine, Helen (Virginia's sister), Wyatt, Myrtie, Grandfather Stone, Duane, Drusilla, Dick.



Camping at Big Pond in 1911



How to Skin a Fish, with Helen Kent



Camping at Big Pond in 1915



Tending the Stove



Food Preparation while Camping



Shaving While Camping



Camping at Big Pond in 1915



Camping at Big Pond in 1915: Helen and Virginia Kent watching Dad (Duane) making something while Mom (Myrtie) is working on her own crafts.



Camping at Big Pond in 1915: Helen and Virginia Kent watching Dad (Duane) making something.



Boating



Getting ready for camping trip or packing up to leave



Swimming - Helen and Virginia Kent with parents Duane and Myrtie



Camping at Big Pond in 1915



Camping at Big Pond in 1915 - Helen and Virginia Kent



Transporting Canoe on Cart

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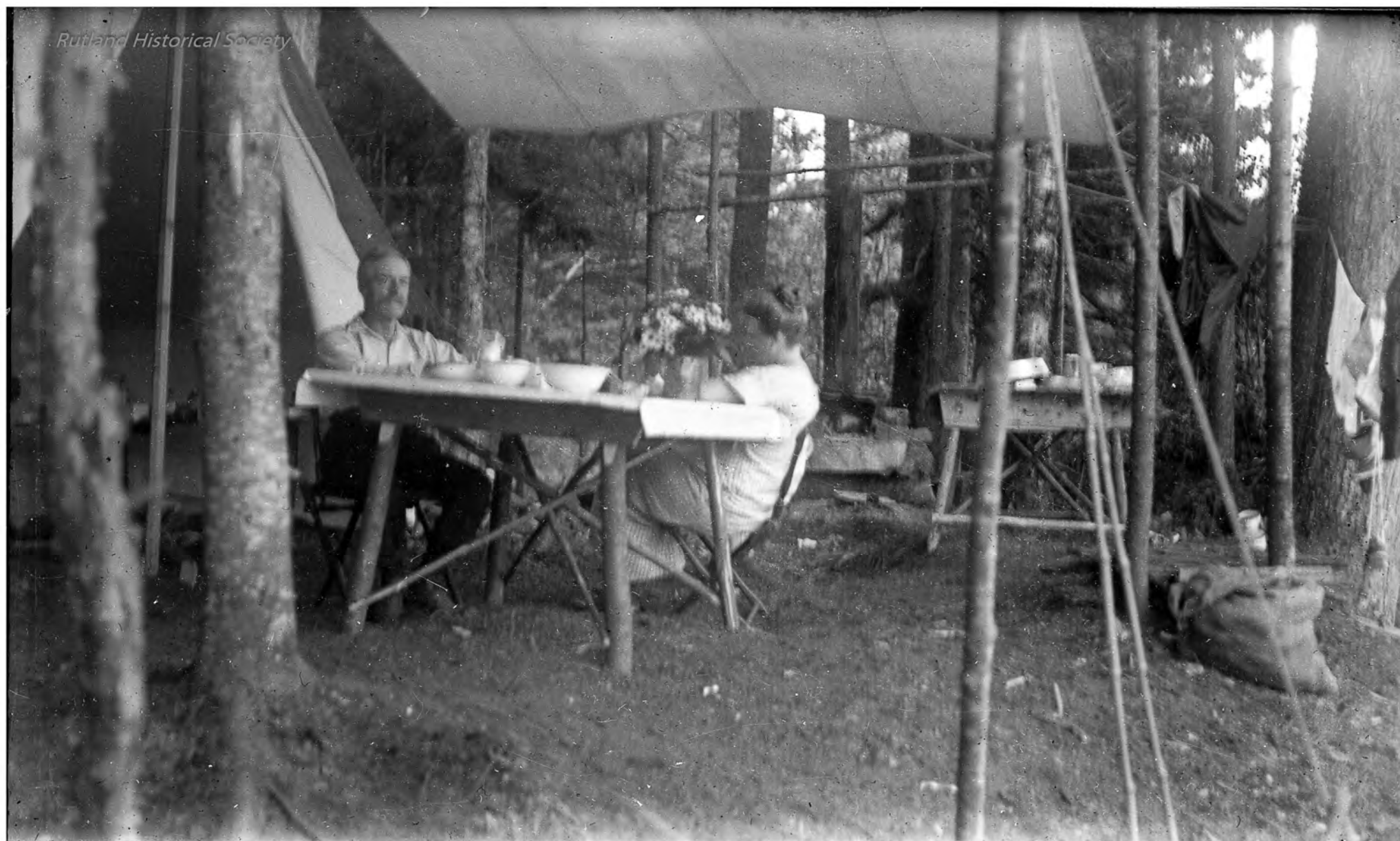
Swimming - with Helen and Virginia Kent



Camping Meal Preparation



Fishing with Two Poles



Camping



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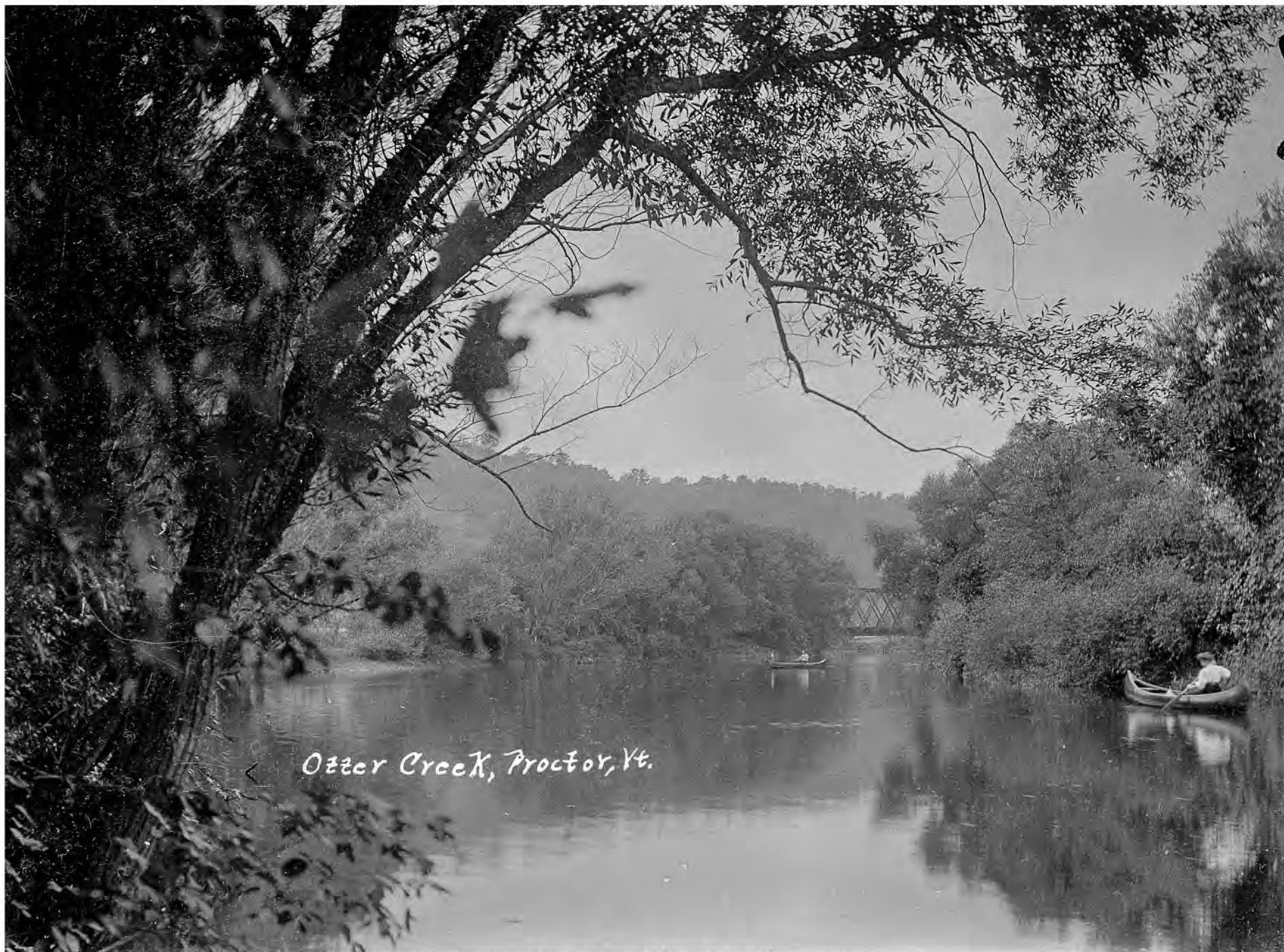
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Camping - Cooking



Canoeing with a Good Book



Canoeing Otter Creek



Boating on Beaver Pond



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Pond/River - Two Hunters with Guns